

can tell you that I am fiercely proud of these men," Knight said, at a Tuesday afternoon press conference. "I'm here to tell you they're heroes."

The officers entered the smoke and fire-filled building to get people out, experiencing "conditions we can't imagine," Knight said.

In one case, the officers saw a hand reach out from the darkness for help. The officers shouted at occupants to walk toward their flashlights. For one brief moment the officers lost each other in the smoke, Knight said. "They had to crawl and shout and came upon people by feel," Knight said.

Bandas, and his fiancée Jackie Gallipo, woke to the sound of smoke alarms. Their apartment was so full of smoke, Bandas said he couldn't see a television across the room.

He headed out the door of his third-floor apartment, thinking Gallipo was right behind him. "I couldn't see a damn thing," Bandas said. He felt his way out of the building by following stair railings. A police officer pulled him out the door. "All I could do was gasp for air," he said. Emergency crews gave him oxygen.

Meanwhile, Gallipo popped out a screen and jumped out a third-story window, into the arms of two awaiting police officers. "I'm just glad everyone got out," Bandas said.

"We thought someone's (clock) alarm was going off at first," said Al Knadel. Knadel and his girlfriend, Missy Schumacher, threw on shoes and jackets and headed for the door. By the time they left, flames were coming from under one of their apartment's doors.

"We just moved in a week ago," Knadel said. "Time to pack everything up and start at square one again."

Tuesday morning Bill and Virginia Standke, volunteers with the American Red Cross of Carver County, were helping the residents find temporary places to stay, and finding out what clothes and other supplies residents needed.

Firefighters from Chaska, Chanhassen, Shakopee, Victoria and Carver all fought the fire.

Chaska's last apartment building fire, on Jan. 15, 2000 at 123 W. 2nd Street in downtown Chaska, left 11 people homeless. There were no fatalities in the 2nd Street blaze. The historic 1891 F. Hammer building, made of Chaska brick, as since been repaired.●

TRIBUTE TO ED JOHNSON

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, this past Monday, the Ohio agriculture community lost a dear friend with the passing of Ed Johnson. He was not only a friend of mine, he was a wonderful human being.

Ed Johnson grew up on a dairy farm in Fairfield County, Ohio. From the time he was a young boy, Ed realized that the only way to get ahead in life was through honest, hard work. This philosophy translated itself into a tremendous work ethic, which, combined with his robust energy and love for farming, made Ed an enthusiastic and well-regarded spokesman for Ohio farmers.

With a background in agricultural economics and agricultural education, Ed started out his professional life as a teacher before joining the Ohio Farm Bureau as Organizational Director for

Fairfield, Pickaway and Ross Counties. He worked hard on behalf of "his" farmers and was a great source of agricultural information for both farmers and non-farmers alike. It was while he served at Ohio Farm Bureau that he discovered he had a real knack for radio, reporting on Farm Bureau events, then sporting events and farm market news.

Ed, it seems, had found his niche. He took his love of farming, combined it with his communication skills, and became a true media entrepreneur. He assumed the risk of starting up his own radio network, ABN, Agri Broadcasting Network, and developed a multi-state service to small stations by delivering market news and covering agricultural events. It wasn't long before Ed became an accomplished radio personality. As his success grew, he developed an early industry service of up-linking and down-linking sporting events for major radio, WBNS Columbus being one such station.

Ed also branched out into television, hosting his own weekly morning show, Agri Country, which aired in Ohio and three other states. With Ed at the helm, Agri Country has been popular to both farming and non-farming audiences since 1982.

In addition to his radio and television work, Ed advanced agriculture with "Ohio's Country Journal," a monthly publication that, even though it struggled for its first few years, has blossomed as readership numbers shot up. It is now "the" farm publication for Ohio's agriculture.

Ed's great contributions to agricultural media were surpassed only by his humanitarian giving in terms of his leadership and his time. His unselfish dedication to further the causes of his alma mater, the Ohio State University, the 4-H Foundation, the Future Farmers of America, and all Ohio farmers for that matter, were unparalleled.

Ed's personal caring and concern for society and his fellow man made him an outstanding communicator. Ed could talk with anyone—rich man or poor man; farm hand or a nation's president—he had an uncanny ability to put anyone he talked to totally at ease.

Throughout the years, I came to rely on Ed's knowledge of Ohio agriculture and his viewpoint on the agricultural situation throughout the state of Ohio. I appreciated his tireless efforts to promote agribusiness both within the state and nationwide.

Because of Ed's contribution to agriculture in the State of Ohio, I was pleased to induct him into Ohio's Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1997. On that occasion, I said "I don't think there's anyone in the state who is more readily identifiable with agriculture by the average person than Ed." Indeed.

I've often said that it's not the number of years that one lives, but what

one does with those years that counts. In his sixty-three years, Ed lived his life to the fullest, and in so doing, touched the lives of countless individuals. Ed took risks, celebrated his successes and learned from his defeats, and, through it all, Ed never lost his focus, his positive attitude, nor his ever-present grin. There is no one comparable, and the void his loss has created in Ohio will not soon be filled.

Ed Johnson has been taken from us too early, and I will miss him. It is my hope that his wife, Marilyn, his children, Julie and Bart, his foster daughter Julie, his grandchildren—Adam, Eric, Nathan, Sarah, Elizabeth, Gage and Lauren—his brothers and sister and his entire family will take comfort in the knowledge that Ed is with our Father in Heaven.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL NASH

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor Paul Nash. Paul has been a highly-valued member of my legislative staff for more than 4 years, and I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for all his years of hard work and dedication to the people of South Dakota. Paul will no longer be working on my staff after next week, and I, along with my entire staff, will miss his contributions greatly.

Paul was one of the original members of my Senate staff when I began serving in this body in January of 1997. Paul has worked on a number of issues in my office, and for the past several years has been my legislative assistant responsible for staffing my Banking Committee assignment, as well as taxes, telecommunications, campaign finance reform, government employees and labor issues. Paul has been an instrumental part of some of my key legislative accomplishments since I have had the honor of serving in the Senate, including passage of the Johnson amendment to the Financial Services Modernization Act, and legislation to provide access to local television stations for rural satellite owners. Paul has also been actively involved in helping to produce bipartisan legislation in the past Congress and at the start of this Congress to reauthorize the Export Administration Act. His efforts have earned him the respect of many people he has worked with, including other Senators and staff of the Banking Committee.

Paul has also worked closely with members of the South Dakota financial services community, and I know he will be missed by them as well. Paul's efforts on telecommunication issues for rural America, as well as his hard work on many other issues, such as campaign finance reform and tax policy have also been important contributions to my legislative efforts of the past 4 years. He has been a true public

servant for me, the people of South Dakota and the Nation.

I know Paul's parents, family, friends and colleagues are all very proud of him. Paul has a very bright future, and I know he will continue to succeed at whatever he chooses to do. On behalf of my wife Barbara and I, and my entire staff, I want to thank Paul Nash for his dedication and years of hard work for me and the people of South Dakota.●

JOHN HARRIES' 107TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, it is my privilege to stand before you today to honor a man who has lived to see three centuries. On February 23, 2001, Mr. John Harries, of Edmond, Oklahoma, will be 107 years old.

Born on a farm twelve miles west of Waukegan, Illinois, in 1894, John has witnessed many major events throughout his lifetime, including two world wars. Showing true patriotism, he left dental school and joined the army at the onset of World War I. While fighting in France, he was exposed to mustard gas, which severely damaged his lungs. But the sacrifices he made in the name of freedom did not go unnoticed. Recently, France awarded him the French Legion of Honor for his service. This is the highest medal that the French award to foreigners.

Retiring in 1967, John spent most of his professional life at Salerno Baking Company in Chicago, where he was chief salesman. He was married to his wife, Mildred, for 66 years until her death in July, 2000. He then moved to Oklahoma, where he now lives with his niece, Nancy Pruett. I am proud to honor John Harries for his service and dedication to our country and his long life. Please join me in wishing him a wonderful 107th birthday.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 328. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-668. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Russian Federation and the Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-669. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Authority for Parts 17 and 18 [T.D. ATF-436]" (RIN1512-AB99) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-670. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Authority for Part 25 [T.D. ATF-437]" (RIN1512-AC20) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-671. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Authority for Parts 20, 21, and 22 [T.D. ATF-435]" (RIN1512-AC13) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-672. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of the Treasury" (RIN1550-AB43) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-673. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plan; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-674. A communication from the Director of Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-675. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mitigation of Impacts to Wetlands and Natural Habitat" (RIN2125-AD78) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-676. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Definition of Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Requirements for Operators of Small Passenger-Carrying CMVs; Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN2126-AA51)(RIN2126-AA44)) re-

ceived on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-677. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Instant Criminal Background Check System Regulation" (RIN1110-AA02) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-678. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of the list of countries whose citizens are ineligible for transit without visa (TWOV) privileges to the United States under the TWOV Program" (RIN1115-AF81) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-679. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removing Burma from the Guam Visa Waiver Program" ((RIN1115-AF95)(INS2099-00)) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-680. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of the list of countries whose citizens or nationals are ineligible for Transit Without Visa (TWOV) privileges to the United States under the TWOV program" ((RIN1115-AF81)(INS2020-99)) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Joe M. Allbaugh, of Texas, to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 340. A bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 341. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that violent video